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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY INFORMED GOA OFFICIALS ABOUT WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE AND, IN GENERAL TERMS, ABOUT FIRST MEETING OF COORDINATING GROUP. GOA OFFICIALS APPRECIATE BEING KEPT CURRENT ON DEVELOPMENTS AND ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN TECHNICAL SUBJECTS TO BE STUDIED BY CG AS WELL AS IN "ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES." FOR TIME BEING GOA CONTINUES TO PREFER NOT TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN CONFERENCE OR HLG.

2. ECONCOUNS INFORMED ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN
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MINISTRY, AMBASSADOR MARQUET, AND IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING

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SEKTIONSCHEF DR. FRANK OF MINISTRY OF TRADE (WHO IS IN CHARGE OF GOA ENERGY METTERS) OF RESULTS WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE (REF A). SINCE BOTH MARQUET AND FRANK HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM AUSTRIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON (BASED ON DEPARTMENT'S BRIEFING) OF FIRST MEETING ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP, THIS MEETING ALSO DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS ALONG LINES PARA 6, REF B.

3. MARQUET AND FRANK KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER ON INTERNATIONAL ENERGY MATTERS AND THEIR COMMENTS CAN BE CONSIDERED TO REFLECT CURRENT GOA REACTION TO CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES. BOTH APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED BY EMBASSY AND NEITHER FOREIGN MINISTRY NOR MINISTRY OF TRADE SHOW ANY PARTICULAR DESIRE FOR GOA TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFREENCE OR OECD/HLG. FRANK, WHO IS VERY WELL INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN HLG, MADE POINT THAT THERE WAS NO SENSE TO BROADEN CONFERENCE OR COORDINATING GROUP BY INCLUDING NON-HLG COUNTRIES SINCE THIS WOULD MEAN THAT CONFERENCE "WOULD HAVE TO WAIT ON THE SLOWEST PARTICIPANT." FRANK FELT THAT A LARGER CONFERENCE AS PROPOSED BY FRENCH OR THE ONE ENVISIONED UNDER UN AUSPICES WOULD HINDER PROGRESS TOWARDS OBJECTIVES DESIRED BY US. ECONCOUNS COMMENTED THAT USG APPRECIATES THIS POINT OF VIEW, STRESSING THAT WE WOULD GIVE ATTENTION IN CG TO KEEPING ALL OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES INFORMED.

4. BOTH MARQUET AND FRANK WONDERED WHETHER CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE WOULD BE READY AND WILLING TO MEET. MARQUET RAISED QUESTION OF HOW WE ENVISAGE ORGANIZATION OF THIS MEETING AND WHO WOULD TAKE INITIATIVE IN INVITING PRODUCER COUNTRIES, COMMENTING THAT GOA ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THIS ASPECT OF PLANNED CONFERENCE. FRANK REPEATED HIS CONCERN ABOUT AVOIDING CONFRONTATION BUT WAS ASSURED THAT WE WERE CONVINCED THAT THIS WOULD NOT HAPPEN.

5. ON THE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NINE ACTIVITIES, FRANK EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN NUMBER 9, "ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES." HE OBSERVED THAT CLEAR DEFINITION THIS ROLE WILL BE KEY ELEMENT IN SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE. WHILE HE HOPED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN THE "NATIONAL ECONOMIC STRUCTURES" IN WHICH BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES OPERATE, HE FELT CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFERENCE SHOULD WORK TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL CODE THAT WOULD SPELL OUT THE SUPPLY OBLIGATION OF THE COMPANIES. COUNTRIES COULD LEGISLATE INDIVIDUALLY BUT THIS WOULD MAKE LITTLE SENSE GIVEN PRESENT ORGANIZATION OF AND INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES. MOREOVER, THE NEED FOR CAPITAL TRANSFER AMONG CONSUMING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS BETWEEN CONSUMING AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES WOULD IPSO FACTO REQUIRE AN INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING ON WHAT THE COM-

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PANIES' BASIC SUPPLY OBLIGATIONS SHOULD BE.

6. FRANK FURTHER MENTIONED AUSTRIA'S INTEREST IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION, NOTING A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT STUDIES CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AT THE TECHNISCHE HOCHSCHULE (TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY) IN VIENNA. HE HOPED THAT USG WOULDNOT OVERLOOK TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW OF NON-PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

7. COMMENT:

(A) GOA CONTINUES TO FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE AS NON-PARTICIPANT IN ENERGY CONFERENCE AND PREFERS TO BE KEPT INFORMED ABOUT EVELOPMENTS THROUGH OECD AND USG. HOWEVER, WE SENSE CONTINUED PENCHANT ON THE PART OF SOME GOA OFFICIALS TO PLAY ROLE OF HOST OR "ARRANGER" OF A BRIDGE BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS (SEE PARA 10 VIENNA'S 475 NOTAL).

(B) IN PURELY TECHNICAL MATTERS TO BE STUDIED BY THE CG, DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK GOA'S KEEN INTEREST IN COOPER-ATING IN SOME FIELDS OF ENERGY RESEARCH. COOPERATION IN THIS AREA COULD PAY SIGNIFICANT DIVIDENDS IN TERMS OF OUR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS HERE, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF EXPANISION OF CON-VENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR POWER FACILITIES THAT ALSO FALL UNDER THE PURVEIW OF DR. FRANK'S RESPONSIBILITIES. HUMES

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